

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a memory configured to store a default mail address and a mail address of at least one user;

a panel section configured to select the mail address of at least one user other than the default mail address stored in the memory; and

a controller configured to set the default mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is not selected by the panel section;

the controller being configured to set the mail address of the user selected by the panel section into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is selected by the panel section, whereby the mail address of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail can be utilized as a destination of a reply to the e-mail, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus.

2. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image data source comprises a scanner connected to the image data communication apparatus.

3. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the panel section comprises a personal computer connected to the image data communication apparatus.

4. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the personal computer displays an HTML document for storing the mail address of the user in the memory.

5. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

6. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the default mail address is pre-stored in the memory and the mail address of the user is stored in the memory by the user.

7. An image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a memory configured to store a mail address of at least one user and a default mail address of a user;

a panel section configured to select the mail address of at least one user other than the default mail address stored in the memory; and

a controller configured to set the default mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is not selected by the panel section;

the controller being configured to set the mail address of the user selected by the panel section into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is selected by the panel section, whereby a reply to the e-mail can be sent to the user without requiring input of the mail address of the user at the receiving apparatus, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus.

8. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the image data source comprises a scanner connected to the image data communication apparatus.

9. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the panel section comprises a personal computer connected to the image data communication apparatus.

10. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the personal computer displays an HTML document for storing the mail address of the user in the memory.

11. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

12. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the default mail address is pre-stored in the memory and the mail address of the user is stored in the memory by the user.

13. An image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a memory configured to store a default mail address and a mail address of at least one user;

a panel section configured to select the mail address of at least one user other than the default mail address stored in the memory; and

a controller configured to set the default mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is not selected by the panel section;

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the controller being configured to set the mail address of the user selected by the panel section into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is selected by the panel section, whereby a reply to the e-mail is returned to the mail address of the user.

14. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the image data source comprises a scanner connected to the image data communication apparatus.

15. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the panel section comprises a personal computer connected to the image data communication apparatus.

16. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the personal computer displays an HTML document for storing the mail address of the user in the memory.

17. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

18. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the default mail address is pre-stored in the memory and the mail address of the user is stored in the memory by the user.

19. An image data communication apparatus connected to a network, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a transmitter configured to transmit image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message;

a memory configured to store a default mail address and a mail address of at least one user;

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a panel section configured to select the mail address of at least one user other than the default mail address stored in the memory; and

a controller configured to set the default mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is not selected by the panel section;

the controller being configured to set the mail address of the user selected by the panel section into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is selected by the panel section, whereby the mail address of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail can be utilized as a destination of a reply to the e-mail, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus.

20. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

21. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the default mail address is pre-stored in the memory and the mail address of the user is stored in the memory by the user.

22. An image data communication apparatus connected to a network, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a transmitter configured to transmit image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message;

a memory configured to store a default mail address and a mail address of at least one user;

a panel section configured to select the mail address of at least one user other than the default mail address stored in the memory; and

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a controller configured to set the default mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is not selected by the panel section;

the controller being configured to set the mail address of the user selected by the panel section into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is selected by the panel section, whereby a reply to the e-mail can be sent to the user without requiring input of the mail address of the user at the receiving apparatus, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus.

23. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

24. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the default mail address is pre-stored in the memory and the mail address of the user is stored in the memory by the user.

25. An image data communication apparatus connected to a network, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a transmitter configured to transmit image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message;

a memory configured to store a default mail address and a mail address of at least one user;

a panel section configured to select the mail address of at least one user other than the default mail address stored in the memory; and

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a controller configured to set the default mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is not selected by the panel section;

the controller being configured to set the mail address of the user selected by the panel section into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is selected by the panel section, whereby a reply to the e-mail is returned to the mail address of the user.

26. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

27. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the default mail address is pre-stored in the memory and the mail address of the user is stored in the memory by the user.

28. A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, a memory storing a default mail address and a mail address of at least one user, the mail address of at least one user being an address other than the default mail address, the method comprising:

setting the default mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is not selected; and

setting the mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is selected, whereby the mail address of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail can be utilized as a destination of a reply to the e-mail, the reply be sent from the receiving apparatus.

29. The method according to claim 28, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

30. The method according to claim 28, wherein the default mail address is pre-stored in the memory and the mail address of the user is stored in the memory by the user.

31. A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, a memory storing a default mail address and a mail address of at least one user, the mail address of at least one user being an address other than the default mail address, the method comprising:

setting the default mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is not selected; and

setting the mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is selected, whereby a reply to the e-mail can be sent to the user without requiring input of the mail address of the user at the receiving apparatus, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus.

32. The method according to claim 31, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

33. The method according to claim 31, wherein the default mail address is pre-stored in the memory and the mail address of the user is stored in the memory by the user.

34. A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including



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a mail from command and a mail message, a memory storing a default mail address and a mail address of at least one user, the mail address of at least one user being an address other than the default mail address, the method comprising:

    setting the default mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is not selected; and

    setting the mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is selected, whereby a reply to the e-mail is returned to the mail address of the user.

35. The method according to claim 34, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

36. The method according to claim 34, wherein the default mail address is pre-stored in the memory and the mail address of the user is stored in the memory by the user.

37. A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, a memory storing a default mail address and a mail address of at least one user, the mail address of at least one user being an address other than the default mail address, the method comprising:

    setting the default mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is not selected;

    setting the mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is selected, whereby the mail address of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail can be utilized as a destination of a reply to the e-mail, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus; and

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transmitting the image data attached to the e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network.

38. The method according to claim 37, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

39. The method according to claim 37, wherein the default mail address is pre-stored in the memory and the mail address of the user is stored in the memory by the user.

40. A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, a memory storing a default mail address and a mail address of at least one user, the mail address of at least one user being an address other than the default mail address, the method comprising:

setting the default mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is not selected;

setting the mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is selected, whereby a reply to the e-mail can be sent to the user without requiring input of the mail address of the user at the receiving apparatus, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus; and

transmitting the image data attached to the e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network.

41. The method according to claim 40, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

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42. The method according to claim 40, wherein the default mail address is pre-stored in the memory and the mail address of the user is stored in the memory by the user.

43. A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, a memory storing a default mail address and a mail address of at least one user, the mail address of at least one user being an address other than the default mail address, the method comprising:

setting the default mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is not selected;

setting the mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is selected, whereby a reply to the e-mail is returned to the mail address of the user; and

transmitting the image data attached to the e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network.

44. The method according to claim 43, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

45. The method according to claim 43, wherein the default mail address is pre-stored in the memory and the mail address of the user is stored in the memory by the user.